

Comment on the proposed conservation of usage of the name *Bythinella* Moquin-Tandon, 1856 (Mollusca, Gastropoda, Prosobranchia, RISSOOIDEA) by designation of *Bulinus viridis* Poiret, 1801 as the type species
(Case 3321; see BZN 62: 134–139)

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I agree with the proposals in BZN 62: 137. In my view stability is best served by accepting these proposals.

Comment on the proposed precedence of TUBIFICIDAE Vejdovský, 1876 over NAIDIDAE Ehrenberg, 1828 (Annelida, Clitellata)
(Case 3305; see BZN 62: 226–231)

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Zoological nomenclature as a tool of systematics has two, often controversial, main tasks: reflecting the phylogeny of the animals and enabling biologists to easily survey taxa for any other purpose. The phylogenetic (in principle, ideal) system is in eternal competition with the more or less artificial but stable and comprehensive system used in practical research and teaching. The first one is formally preferred; however, its orthodox application would be simply ignored by the majority of zoologists.

The Principle of Priority, a cornerstone of zoological nomenclature, can fall into similar controversy with the everyday needs of zoology. In this case a decision either for or against the proposals is likely to cause problems.

The NAIDIDAE (NOW NAIDINAE) proved to be a derived group descending from the much larger stem group TUBIFICIDAE *sensu stricto*. Thus, possible nomenclatural changes in the first group would affect considerably fewer taxa than those in the second. This is the pragmatic reason why I support the proposal made by Erséus, Gustavsson and Brinkhurst.

Comment on the proposed reinstatement of the specific name of *Sphyaena acus* Lacepède, 1803 (currently *Tylosurus acus*; Teleostei, BELONIDAE)
(Case 3297; see BZN 62: 232–236)

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